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THEREOF AND ORGANIC THIN-FILM DEVICE

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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

The official action of 3 September 2008 has been carefully considered and reconsideration of the application in view of the present submission is respectfully requested.

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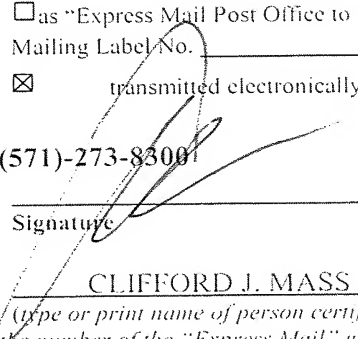
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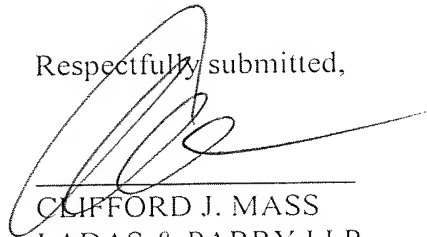
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Claims 11 and 13 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(a) as allegedly being anticipated by Sakamoto (JACS, Vol. 126). Claim 12 stands rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Sakamoto et al (Annual Review 2003) in view of Sakamoto (JACS, Vol. 126). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Each of the rejections is based on a reference, Sakamoto (JACS, Vol. 126), which on its face shows that it was received for publication in April of 2004 and published in June of 2004. In contrast, the present application claims priority from Japanese application 2004-041397, filed 18 February 2004, i.e, prior to the effective date of Sakamoto (JACS, Vol. 126) as a reference. Applicants now submit herewith a certified English translation of this priority application to overcome the reference in accordance with the provisions of MPEP 201.15.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that all rejections and objections of record have been overcome and that the application is now in allowable form. An early notice of allowance is earnestly solicited and is believed to be fully warranted.

Respectfully submitted,

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